

# THE DESOTO COUNTY

# NEWS.

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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### HOLD REGULAR MEETING

#### COUNTY OFFICERS FILE THEIR REPORTS.

**King, Commissioner Concannon Acted in That Capacity—County Physician Elected.**

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto county met in their office Jan. 1, 1906, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Present, N. C. Larson, E. F. Bosstick, D. W. Brown and J. H. Concannon.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Wm. King, chairman, being sick and unable to attend, J. H. Concannon was elected chairman pro tem.

A petition was received from the cattle men of Fort Ogden asking that A. J. McLenon be appointed inspector of cattle slaughtered in district No. 8, Fort Ogden. Mr. McLenon is hereby appointed such inspector, conditioned on his filing the proper bond.

J. W. Lanier, A. J. McLenon and J. H. Edwards, blazers on the following described road, made their report: Beginning at north east corner of nw 1/4 of sec. 18, township 39 south, range 24 east, running south one half mile on subdivision line to section 19. Thence east one mile to be connected with Prairie creek road and notice posted on court house door and one mailed to J. W. Lanier, Fort Ogden.

The county officers filed their respective reports as follows:

J. S. Altman filed a fire arm bond with W. H. Peeples and J. W. Peeples as sureties. Said bond was rejected on the ground that the board was informed that the applicant is a minor.

The tax collector and county judge filed report of license as follows:

State.....\$481.00  
County.....\$315.50

Total.....\$796.50

A petition was received from the citizens of Bowling Green asking that the name of Pascal Thornton be placed on the pauper list, and the name was accordingly placed upon said list.

Dr. Hart presented a bill for treating S. Story, payment of which was refused.

Fire arm bond of A. J. McLenon with J. G. King and J. H. Peeples as sureties, approved and permit issued.

Pension application of E. S. A. McCullers presented and approved by the board.

A. C. Freeman, sheriff, is hereby authorized to set trees in the court yard.

The board made a list of jurors of three hundred names taken from the registration books, which list was signed by the chairman in open session.

Bids for the position of county attorney were opened and the bid of W. E. Leitner to serve for the year at a salary of two hundred dollars was accepted and he was accordingly employed for the year 1906.

Bids for the position of county physician for the year 1906, were opened, the bid of Dr. R. L. Cline was accepted and he is recognized as the physician for the county for the year 1906.

Bids for furnishing stationery for the year 1906, were opened. The proposition of the DeSoto Publishing Co. was accepted, and the contract awarded to said DeSoto Publishing Company.

The proposition of the DeSoto Publishing Company for the public printing for the county is accepted and the DeSoto County News is hereby designated the official paper of DeSoto county for the year 1906.

The county treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer four hundred dollars from the general revenue fund, to the fine and forfeiture fund, on account of feeding prisoners.

Thursday Morning—J. H. Concannon, chairman pro tem, being absent and a quorum being present, W. Brown was elected chairman tem.

Commissioner D. W. Brown is authorized to supervise the term and to have all work done

that is required to keep the same in good order.

A committee was appointed to examine the various county officers, and after examination reported them in good condition.

Information having been furnished the board that the road known as the Lily road is, as shown by the records, a legal and lawful road and at a point north of Bunker's Bridge, the said road is obstructed. It is therefore ordered that the same be opened and made thirty feet wide and that all fences shall be removed in order to make this road legal width.

The board adjourned to meet first Monday in February, 1906.

#### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

J. R. Starke, the energetic member of the county school board from Bowling Green, was in Arcadia this week in attendance upon the regular session of the board.

Wm. Marshall, the live wire on the county school board, was up from Punta Gorda, this week, looking after the county's interest at the regular session of the school board.

Joseph H. Brown, DeSoto's popular superintendent, was in Arcadia this week attending the regular meeting of the school board.

Mrs. T. J. Shave, of Yulee, Fla., who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Ralls left for home Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Florence Heston, of Jacksonville, who has been on a visit to her uncle, Mr. Frank Hogan, at Pine Level, is in the city visiting Mrs. W. O. Ralls.

It is seldom that the people of Arcadia have an opportunity to hear such talented and gifted speakers as will be with us next week, at the Baptist church, Sunday the 14th. Dr. T. T. Eaton of Louisville, Ky., will preach, on Monday the 15th, Dr. Spillman of Atlanta, Ga., will lecture, and on Tuesday, the 16th Dr. D. R. Gray of Atlanta, will speak. No one should miss this opportunity to hear three of the most gifted speakers of the south.

J. C. McNeill, representing Jetton & Dekel, the large saw mill and novelty works men of Tampa, is in the city interviewing our contractors.

A jolly picnic party that spent New Year's day on the big prairie was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hendry, Misses Currey, Rainey, Emma Harley, Beulah Hollingsworth, May Dishong, Mabel Hawkins, Dauphine and Mamie Simmons and Messrs. Claude Ferrill, Gus Hendry and Barney Hollingsworth.

At the meeting of the county commissioners this week, the public printing was awarded to the DeSoto Publishing Co. and the DeSoto County News was designated the official paper for the year 1906. This award was made on competitive bids, the News having made the lowest and best bid.

Paul Gasser, an expert architect of Tampa, is in the city, making plans and specifications for the well known contractor, F. C. Ralls.

Mrs. Kern, from Monmouth, Ill., is at the Arcadia House, a guest of Capt. and Mrs. Roe. Mrs. Kern has been spending the winters in DeSoto county for several years.

It is with pleasure that the friends of E. L. Blood learn that he has been appointed general superintendent of the Peace River Phosphate Co. to succeed Mr. Urquhart, resigned. Blood has been a valuable employee of the company for several years, and this promotion is a recognition of his efficient and faithful services.

Arthur Roe, who has been on a visit to his parents, Capt. and Mrs. A. Roe, has returned to Lake City, where he is a student in the State University.

Prof. E. M. Murphy, principal of the DeSoto County High School, his brother, E. J. Murphy, and brother in law, are spending their holidays in Cuba. Upon his return we will endeavor to get Prof. Murphy give the readers of the News an account of his trip through the island.

## HAS PAIR BLOOD HOUNDS.

### Sheriff Freeman Has Prepared to Run Down Fugitives.

A. C. Freeman, DeSoto county's energetic sheriff, has a pair of the finest blood hounds to be found in the state. They were bought in Texas and cost \$150. They are thoroughly trained as man trailers and can do fine work, even on a cold track and in bad weather, as was evidenced last Saturday night, at which time Sheriff Freeman received a message that a house, at Nocatee had been broken into and robbed of \$63, immediately he took his dogs and left for the scene. On his arrival, although it was cold and raining, the dogs took the trail and followed it up Joshua Creek, through McNeill's turpentine camps and northward, toward the turpentine camps of E. J. Register, about 3 o'clock a. m. they caught the negro near Register's still, upon being searched the \$63 was found in his shoe—at no time did the dogs falter or loose the trail. These dogs are a valuable acquisition to the sheriff's force and will be the means of his catching many criminals that would otherwise escape.

Upon receipt of a telephone or telegraph message, the sheriff will be glad to take these dogs to any part of the county for the purpose of tracking criminals.

## LARGE PLANT WAS SOLD AT NOCATEE THIS WEEK

### JACKSONVILLE PARTIES ARE PURCHASERS.

**Deal Runs in the Hundreds of Thousands—Will Mean Much for DeSoto County—W. G. Welles Closes Out His Interest at Nocatee.**

News reached Arcadia this week of a sale of property at Nocatee that will be of great interest to every one, as it involves one of the largest saw mill plant in Florida, that of G. W. Welles, who sold to D. G. McKethan and Alex Page of Jacksonville, his large saw mill, veneer plant, railroad, side tracks, commissary, all his lands in Nocatee, some 60,000 acres, the consideration being \$250,000.

Russell King will leave Saturday to resume his studies in Bingham College, at Asheville, N. C., after a very pleasant visit to his home.

County Attorney W. E. Leitner, spent Christmas with his father, Rev. G. T. Leitner, Bartow.

Will Johns, the efficient marshal of Punta Gorda, was in the city Monday in attendance upon the county judge's court, in which he was a witness for the state in the case against E. O. Casa, charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Much to the regret of her many friends Mrs. Moody left Monday for Monticello, where she will make her future home. Mrs. Moody will be missed in the choir of the Baptist church of which she was a faithful member.

Miss Nora Kabrich, one of Hillsboro county's best teachers, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. G. Kabrich, at their home south of Arcadia.

Mr. Alderman Carlton of Nocatee, has sold his orange grove to J. A. Reynolds of Newton, Ala., consideration \$7,000. Mr. Reynolds is to be congratulated on securing such a fine piece of property for this amount.

J. F. Sams and family have moved to Tampa, where he has accepted a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. as salesman. The News will follow him.

John Collier and F. H. Williams, prominent citizens of Crewsville, were in the city this week transacting business with the county judge.

Col. Robert E. Brown, of the law firm of Brown & Swearingen, is having extensive and valuable improvements made on his property on "quality hill". When completed Col. Brown will have one of the prettiest and most conveniently located homes in the city.

## WILL DEDICATE ORPHANAGE.

### Prominent Ministers Will be Here For the Occasion.

On January 18th the Florida Baptist Orphanage at this place will be dedicated. The Florida Baptist Convention, which will be in session at Bartow at this time, will come in a body to the dedication exercises. The railroads have very kindly made a special rate for the occasion. The exercises will begin promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. A barbecue and basket dinner will be served on the grounds.

The management requests that we extend an invitation to the citizens of Arcadia to be present on this occasion, and bring a well filled basket.

The following program will be carried out:

Doxology.  
Invocation.  
Song by the children.  
103 Psalm by the children.  
Sermon by W. L. Mahon.  
Song by the children.  
Talks by Drs. Willingham, Gray, Frost, Eaton, Geiger, Spillman and others.  
Benediction.

#### Reading Notice.

Special standard fertilizers for oranges, melons, cukes, beans and all other crops. Apply to James P. DePass.

## COUNTY SCHOOL

### HOLD

NUMBER 45.

#### FAREWELL SERMON.

### Rev. W. D. Turnley to Leave For Dade City.

Last Sunday Rev. W. D. Turnley pastor of the Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon, he leaves this week for his new field of work at Dade City, by his consecrated christian life he has endeared himself to the good people of this community who regret to see him leave. Arcadia's loss will be Dade City's gain. After the services Sunday the church, unanimously by a rising vote passed the following resolutions and presented him with a well filled purse, in token of their love and esteem:

Resolutions—Our beloved pastor W. D. Turnley, having resigned the care of this church to take effect today, it is our desire to bear testimony to his upright Christian life, spotless character, unselfish devotion and faithful services as pastor of this church for the past three years, during which time the membership has increased fifty per cent, the contribution for missions increased until our church stands second in the state in the matter of contributions to missions.

We shall ever remember Bro. Turnley with the tenderest love and affection and pray that wherever he may cast his lot, the blessings of our Heavenly Father may attend him and be upon him.

We request that this resolution be spread upon our minutes, a copy duly signed by our clerk be given to Bro. Turnley.

#### County Judge's Court.

Business before the county judge's court has been very light this week, evidences have learned that it is not to their interest to come before His Honor.

The following cases were disposed of this week:

State vs. E. O. Casa, charge, carrying pistol, trial by jury and verdict not guilty.

State vs. Jesse Altman, charge, carrying pistol, plead guilty, fined \$100 and costs.

State vs. J. W. Williams, charge, carrying pistol, indictment quashed on motion of defendant's attorney. This was a case in which the grand jury found a true bill and the case transferred to county judge's court for trial. On account of a faulty true bill the case was dismissed.

#### Mayor's Court.

His Honor has been having a tussle with a severe case of jaundice this week, as a result of which he has not been able to hold his usual daily matinee, however he gave two performances that netted the management \$20. The following occupied reserved seats:

Joseph H. Peeples, drunk, \$5 and costs; Adolphus Whidden, drunk, \$5 and costs; B. T. Wood, drunk, \$5 and costs; Unknown, drunk, \$5 and costs.

Hon. J. H. Concannon, Punta Gorda's popular member of the board of county commissioners, was in Arcadia this week attending the regular meeting of that body over which he presided with dignity.

To accommodate his increasing business L. Y. Bryan will enlarge his place of business. He will add to the present building, making it twice its present size.

J. H. Jones and family have moved to their valuable orange grove property west of Arcadia. W. H. G. Smart will occupy Mr. Jones' residence in the city.

Albert Dozier, the efficient salesman of the Arcadia Mercantile Co., took Christmas dinner with his uncle, Rev. G. T. Leitner, Bartow.

Miss Almira Leitner, one of the efficient teachers of the DeSoto County High School, spent Christmas with her family in Bartow, after which she visited friends in DeLand.

Miss Alice Leitner, the efficient teacher in charge of the primary department of the DeSoto County High School, is spending the holidays with her parents in Bartow.

#### ALL BOARD

### PRESIDENT

#### Business of Importance

**acted—The Action of Dec. 19 Confirmed—T. J. Watkins Resigns as Trustee and A. B. Stroud Appointed for Place.**

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 2, 1906.

The Board of Public Instruction met in regular session, all members present.

Minutes read and approved.

The action of the Board in special session Dec. 19, 1905, reviewed and confirmed.

T. J. Watkins, trustee of the Nocatee Special Tax District No. 6, having resigned and petition having been presented by the citizens of said district requesting the appointment of A. B. Stroud to fill the unexpired term, he (A. B. Stroud) was appointed and commissioned.

Petitions having been duly published and presented by the citizens of Spring Hill and Ft. Ogden, special elections were ordered at the school houses, respectively, on Saturday, Jan. 27, 1906, for the purpose of establishing special tax school districts, to elect three trustees, and to determine the number of mills to be assessed and collected for the next ensuing two years, and said elections published in the DeSoto County Advertiser.

Inspectors for Ft. Ogden: Jack McLelland, N. E. Keen, J. O. Carr; clerk, C. C. Morgan.

Inspectors for Spring Hill: W. B. Collier, A. V. Coker, J. H. Baucum; clerk, H. P. Bennett.

Treasurer's report received and approved.

Accounts audited and warrants issued from No. 84 to No. 156 inclusive from the general fund, and from No. 84 to No. 211 inclusive from the special funds.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, the 6th of February, 1906.

WM. P. MARSHALL,  
J. H. BROWN, Chairman.  
Secretary.

#### Should Use the Boards.

For the convenience of the traveling public the railroad commission required the railroads of Florida to put a bulletin board at every station and the agents are required to note thereon the arrival and departure of all trains that are 30 minutes late. Arcadia station has a bulletin board but it was evidently intended for show, not for service, as it is never used. The trains on this division are rarely ever on time, being from one to three hours late and some times even more than that; passengers have to hang around the 2x4 waiting room without any definite knowledge as to the arrival of the train, until their suspense is relieved by its appearance. This should not be so, the bulletin boards should be used or the order of the railroad commission rescinded. The patrons along this division deserve better treatment from the railroad than they are receiving.

## BOWLING GREEN.

Rev. D. Les Switzer, who for three years has been serving the Alva circuit in Lee county, is at Bowling Green this year. Mrs. Switzer and three little boys are in possession of the parsonage already.

The rain prevented services being held Sunday morning, but a good congregation was out to hear Rev. Switzer at night.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents near Torry Sunday evening 6 o'clock, Mr. James Hayes of Moffit, to Miss Josephine Altman, Rev. D. Les Switzer of Bowling Green officiating. The happy young couple will take up their abode at Moffit.

Several packing houses are doing a rushing business with the oranges now.

#### Cabbage Plants.

Charleston Wakelied variety Fine field grown plants, \$1.50 per 1000 f. o. b. Nocatee, 40c per 100 postpaid. For sale by J. W. FREEMAN, Nocatee, Fla.